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NEWSLETTER
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"SOVEREIGN NATION OF THE CHITIMACHA"

NOTES FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Dear Fellow Tribal Members:

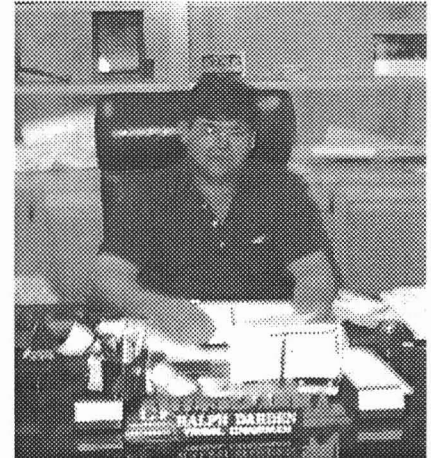
With the purchase of the Dinkins' land complete and an agreement with Brett Allain to obtain the additional twenty acres needed, we now can begin planning the new road from Hwy. 182 to the Reservation. Recently, a meeting was held with Parish and Baldwin officials to discuss this issue. We are in the stages of putting committees together combined of Federal, State, Parish, Municipal and Tribal officials to begin identifying funding to do this project. At the Council meeting of July 18th, the Tribal Council dedicated \$100,000 to match funds that the Corps of Engineers is willing to put up to do the architectural and engineering design of the highway. We are hoping to have the funds identified by the end of the year to construct the road. This is a short period to do this in, but we feel that it is achievable.

Gaming Commission - The Tribal Council has re-appointed Bob Carroll as Chairman of the Gaming Commission. Bob has completed the term of Charlie Irwin and has been reappointed for three years. Bob brings to us an extensive background in investigative work, prosecution of organized crime and racketeering members as well as casino gaming, commercial, criminal, civil and Native American law.

CDBG - Patty LeBlanc, Chuck Fontenot, as well as members from the Fire Department have worked on a block grant to submit to HUD for approval. The amount of the grant is \$557,714. The Tribal Council committed matching funds in the amount of \$187,000. If funded, this will greatly enhance our Fire Department and could lower your insurance premiums again. The grant would provide for the expansion of the existing fire station building, a new tanker truck, as well as a new aerial truck.

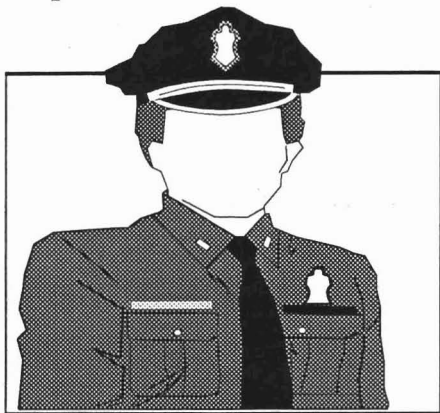
In closing, I would like to welcome aboard our new council members, Lonnie Martin, and John Paul Darden. I will be unavailable for the swearing in, but this is due to circumstances beyond my control. On July 10th, I was diagnosed as having a malignant tumor in my right kidney. After further testing, it appears to be contained to that area, so on July 29th, I will have surgery to remove it. I have been told that I will not need treatments, however, I will be out from work for approximately for to six weeks. I look forward to returning and working together to keep the Tribe moving in a positive direction.

Until Next Month!!!



Chairman Ralph C. Darden

Kop's Korner™



News from the Chitimacha P.D. Frank McCloskey, Police Chief

JULY 1996

To date, for the month of July, the department issued twelve traffic citations for violations ranging from driving without insurance, no driver's license, expired inspection sticker, seat belt violation, driving under suspension and switched license plate. Five arrests were logged on the following charges, driving under suspension, criminal mischief, disturbing the peace intoxicated, operating a vehicle with a switched plate and no insurance, and two counts of theft and probation violation for burglary on a warrant from Monroe County, Florida.

Please welcome to the department, Officer Edmond Picard and Dispatcher Donna Mullins. Officer Picard has over 15 years of law enforcement experience, having worked for the Baldwin Police Department and the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office. Dispatcher Mullins has three years experience as a

dispatcher and two years experience as a police officer, having worked for the Borger Police Department in Texas. Dispatcher Mullins will be filling in for Dispatcher Vilcan while she is on maternity leave. We are glad to have them as part of the Chitimacha Police Team.

We also welcome Officer "Iwan" to the department. Iwan is a police service dog that's trained in narcotic detection, attacking and tracking. Officer Clayton Arnold will be our K-9 officer and handler of Iwan. Officer Arnold and Iwan are already familiar with each other, as they worked as a team at the Jeanerette Police Department, before Officer Arnold came to work for us in August 1995.

Congratulations to Debbie and Robert Vilcan on the birth of their daughter, Katie Nicole. Katie arrived on Sunday, July 21, 1996, weighing in at 8 lbs. 4 ozs. and 21 ½ inches in length. Mom, Dad and baby are doing well.

Congratulations to Officer Tammy Clements and Dispatcher Cassandra Butaud, who recently found out that they will be expecting some little bundles of joy at the beginning of 1997.

Congratulations to Reserve Officer, John Burgess, who traveled to Baton Rouge on July 10, 1996, and successfully completed his examination to receive his certification as a police officer through the State of Louisiana Peace Officer Standards and Training Council.

TRAINING

At the end of June, Officer Mike Pontiff attended a 4 day ATV Safety Institute Instructor Preparation Course in Salt Lake City, Utah. The ATV Safety Institute is a division of the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America, organized in 1983 to foster and promote the safe and responsible use of specialty vehicles, including all-terrain vehicles, in the United States of America. The founding members of the corporation are the U.S. distributors for Honda, Yamaha, Suzuki and Kawasaki ATVs. Officer Pontiff is now the only certified ATV Rider Course Instructor in the State of Louisiana and is presently getting together the necessary materials and locating a site to hold safety classes.

On July 19 and 20, Chief McCloskey attended his first Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference held in Alexandria, La. With the many issues facing today's law enforcement executives, this conference helped to expose them to some of the challenges they are faced with. Vendors were also on hand to demonstrate some of the tools available to make the job a little easier.

On July 29 to 31, Officer Blaise Smith attended a Street Level Drug Enforcement seminar in Kenner, La. presented by the Harahan Louisiana Police Department and the Law Enforcement Training Systems Inc. out of Broward County, Fl.

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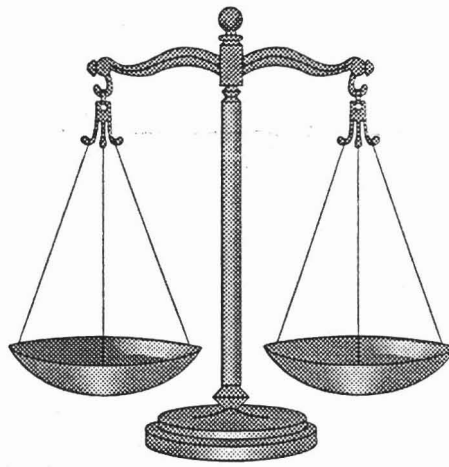
The program addressed the special considerations of police personnel responsible for conducting street level drug enforcement operations.

On July 30 and 31, Chief McCloskey attended a seminar on Planning Strategies for Implementation of Community Policing Consortium and the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee of the Western District of Louisiana. The two day seminar provided leaders in law enforcement an orientation to the value and role of strategic planning in the implementation of community policing, and offered a road map on how to develop and implement a strategic plan.

On July 26, Officers Steve Gentry, Tummy Clements, Edmond Picard and Ellen Hebert, attended a day long seminar in New Iberia, La. on Responding Effectively To Domestic Violence. The seminar was sponsored by the 16th Judicial District Attorney's Office.

Get Well Wishes!

Everyone at the police department will be keeping Chairman Ralph Darden in their thoughts and prayers while he's on medical leave. We all wish him well with his surgery and hospital stay and hope that he will have a speedy recovery.



TRIBAL COURT NEWS

By: Holly A. Robicheaux,
Tribal Courts Director

I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere apologies for the lack of "Tribal Court News" in the monthly Newsletter. We promise that every effort will be made to keep the Community advised of Court activity in the future.

The Tribal Court staff has been expanded to include the position of Deputy Clerk, for which Patricia Simoneaux was hired May 28, 1996. Additionally, Judge Edward dela Houssaye is now serving as Chief Appellate Judge and Judges LaBorde, Fleming, Bienvenu, Guidry and Edwards have been approved to serve as Associate Appellate Judges.

COURT STATISTICS:

There have been a total of 87 cases filed with the Tribal Court from January through June 30, 1996, which include:

- 36 - Civil (21 Garnishments, 8 Tort Actions & 7-Regular Civil)
- 02 - Criminal
- 05 - Domestic Relations
- 01 - Juvenile
- 43 - Traffic

As of June 30, 1996, there were 34 total cases pending:

- 20 - Civil (17-Tort Actions & 3-Regular Civil)
- 02 - Domestic Relations
- 03 - Juvenile
- 09 - Traffic.

Tribal Appellate Court:

- 3 - Civil Tort Actions

Mortgages and Liens:

- 89 Assignments
- 02 Mortgages
- 01 Correction

COURT SESSIONS:

Our monthly Tribal Court session was held on July 10, 1996, at which time 18 cases were scheduled to be heard; 1-DR (Petition For Guardianship); 2-Regular CV(Hearing on Civil Complaints); 10-TR (Hearings on Civil Traffic Infractions), and; 5-Civil Tort Actions (2 Preliminary Hearings, 1 Status Conference and 2 Show Cause Hearings).

Our next regularly scheduled Tribal Court Session is August 7, 1996, with open session beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The Tribal Appellate Court has oral arguments scheduled in two Civil Tort Appeals for Monday, August 5, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

As always, if you would like any further information regarding the Tribal Court, please feel free to contact the Court at 923-7806.

“OFFICIAL NOTICE”

The Chitimacha Tribal Council has proposed the revision of the Chitimacha Comprehensive Codes of Justice as follows;

Title III - Criminal Offenses
(Addition of Section 210-A - Registration of Sexual Offenders)

Pursuant to the “Procedural Guidelines for Implementation of Ordinances and Revisions”; adopted by the Tribal Council, the General Council will have the opportunity to:

Review these proposed revisions at the Multi-Purpose Building and/or Tribal Courts, during regular office hours beginning, **Friday, July 26, 1996 through Thursday, August 8, 1996**, and to;

Submit written comments, which must be received by **August 8, 1996**, to **“Tribal Ordinance Comments”, Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, P.O. Box 661, Charenton, Louisiana 70523.**

Duly Published By:

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Tribal Courts Director
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

By: **Diane M. Hearn**

Education Administrator

WELCOME, DR. BASS!!

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A **BIG** welcome goes out to the **new principal of our school and his wife, Pearly!** We are very happy you are here and hope that many wonderful things will take place in our school for the best education we can provide for our children! We are so happy to have you as a vital part of our educational community here at Chitimacha!

Summer brings many opportunities for fun, relaxation, and leisure time. Many of our students and parents took advantage of the opportunities offered at the school this summer. The Computer Lab was open three days a week from 3:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Mamie Soprano was the Computer Lab Monitor and Carla Newman was the substitute.

Thanks a bunch, Mamie and Carla! And to **all who used the lab, a big thank-you**, as well, for taking the initiative and demonstrating the interest in "surfing the net" and learning through computer technology. Another **BIG thank you** to the **School Board and the Tribal Council for approving this summer enrichment program.** The Computer Lab will be open one night a week when school opens, so you may want to start or continue learning by "surfing the net". We are investigating the possibility of having a Computer Literacy class in the evening for the community this fall. When plans are finalized, we

will publicize it through bulletins around the community and in the Newsletter.

Another **BIG welcome** to the **Tribe's new Recreation Director, Billy St. Blanc** and to our **new Recreation Coordinator, Jeri St. Blanc.** Billy will be developing the Recreation Programs. Jeri will serve part of her work day teaching P. E. to our students, and the remainder of her day in fitness and wellness activities for the community. This is a wonderful use of the skills and talents of these two very dynamic people and quite an innovative plan to further meet the needs of the school and the community. **Recreation** is a vital aspect of the **Comprehensive School Health Program** that **Education, Health, and Social Services** have been working on, and so Billy and Jeri have begun to work with these other departments in planning the development and implementation of a **Comprehensive School Health Program** for our students.

Happy New School Year!!

The first day of school is on Monday, August 12, 1996 and there is early dismissal at 1:00 p.m. that day.

The bells will be ringing again soon for the beginning of the 1996-97 school year. With the new year comes other things new... staff changes, ongoing program improvement, some new rules and regulations, and so on. **Parents** are **encouraged** to contact the school and **become more involved.** We need parents on the **Education Planning Committee.** Additionally, when school starts, a list of areas of **parent involvement** that you can volunteer for will be sent to you. Please read

through the list, and check off the areas you are interested in volunteering. If you have any suggestions that are not on the list, please submit them in the area designated as "Other". Then send the list back to school. Remember, also, that there is a really nice **Parent Resource Center** at the school with brochures and videos on a whole variety of subjects of interest for you. You may want to take a few of the brochures home with you to read. They are very timely and helpful in dealing with concerns of parents and educators. Additionally, following this article is a copy of the adopted School Dress Code for 1996-97 school year.

Some education "buzzwords" you may hear often this year are **Parent Involvement, Student Training, and Staff Development.** They will take on more meaning as we start off the year immediately with **Karen DeClouet**, consultant from **Success in School**, providing **Staff Development, Parent Involvement, and Student Training** in the areas of **Learning HOW to Learn.** In conjunction with **Learning HOW to Learn**, a **customized student planner** has been designed for the **Chitimacha Tribal School** and each student will receive one. The student planner will serve to reinforce strategies and principles taught in **Learning HOW to Learn.** Ms. DeClouet, states that the program can be summarized into three basic objectives:

1. Students will develop organization skills that may be applied to home learning and test preparation activities.
2. Students will learn and apply

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principles that impact their retention of information and preparation for learning.

3. Students will learn and apply specific learning strategies based upon their individual learning style. Specifically, she goes on to say, students gain a working knowledge of:

- utilizing a planner for organization in learning
- test preparation strategies monthly calendars, weekly calendars, grade logs
- test-taking strategies
- learning styles
- note summarizing
- learning environments
- long and short term memory
- utilizing study card strategies to enhance learning
- scanning lessons prior to their introduction
- developing mnemonic strategies to increase retention of information

Staff Development in these areas is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 1996 from 1:30-3:30p.m. and Wednesday, August 7, 1996 from 9:-11:00 and throughout the **Student Training** times and through maintenance of the skills and concepts learned by the students and teachers.

Parent Involvement is scheduled for Thursday, August 15, 1996 at the school from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and through involvement with their children implementing at home throughout the **Student Training** times and through maintenance of the skills and concepts learned by the students and parents.

Student Training is scheduled for weekly one hour sessions for Grades 2,3,4, for Grades 5,6 and for Grades 7, 8. The lower grades will receive planners and their teachers will be trained with the rest of the teachers, and parents are welcome to receive training if their child is in the lower grades not listed above; however, Mrs. DeClouet believes that the children in Grades 2 up are ready and able to benefit most from the structure of the program. So the younger children will receive their planners to use, but not in the structured way that the older children will use them. As they grow into grades 2 up, they should be ready to use the planners more effectively and then will be trained to do so. **Student Training** is planned for each Friday starting August 16 through Friday, September 20 in Grades 2-8 and implementation is scheduled as ongoing and maintained.

And finally, an additional follow-up **Parent Involvement Meeting** is set tentatively for October, 1996, from 6:00-7:00p.m. at a date to be determined in 8/96.

G.E.D. classes are scheduled to start again on Monday, August 19, 1996. A total of twelve (12) of our G.E.D. students passed the G.E.D. test last year. What an overwhelming success, not only for the G.E.D. program, but also and most importantly, twelve adults proved to themselves and others that it is possible and they did it!! Take that first step and the next ones will fall into place. Talk to the graduates and find out how this step affected their lives. Ask about the program and how it works. Ardith Soprano, the Continuing Education Coordinator, has registration forms and can let you know more about the program. If you started last year and

want to continue working toward your G.E.D. this year, please notify Ardith at the Human Resources Building (tel. 923-7000). We are very happy that the teacher again this year will be Yvonne Cormier. **Classes will be held the same times and days as last year...Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Also, we have obtained a complete series of **Vocational Computer Software** that may be utilized in the **Media Center Computer lab** at the school. If you are interested in a **trade/vocation**, you may want to explore the information on these discs about a particular trade or even different trades, if you have not made up your mind which one you are interested in most. Remember, the Media Center Computer Lab is open one night a week after school starts. The Media Center is for the School and the Community's use. Please remember to enter through the door that accesses the Media Center in the front of the school.

And so, we start the new school year. Let us come together with **renewed spirit and dedication** to make this a year where much growth takes place; that is, **growth of the mind, heart, body, and spirit.** Let us all work together to make education happen in the most **positive** ways we can so that each of our lives is touched so that the **children care** and know **we care** about them and their education.

Thought for the day.... "Tell a child what to think, and you make him a slave to your knowledge. Teach him how to think, and you make all knowledge his slave."

Henry A. Taitt, 1982

CHITIMACHA SCHOOL BOARD
DRESS CODE

All students attending Chitimacha Day School, with the exception of the Pre-School children, are obliged to wear the school uniform daily, beginning the first day and until the closing day of school. **IF YOUR CHILD IS OUT OF UNIFORM, THE PARENT-GUARDIAN WILL BE NOTIFIED BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**

BASIC INFORMATION

A. Girls

1. Skirt length - Navy Blue (solid color) same style as original skirt. Length is not to exceed 2" above the floor when kneeling.
White or black shorts may be worn under the skirt.
2. Shorts - Navy Blue. Walking shorts. Shorts should not be above mid-thigh. No short-shorts. Cuffs are optional.
3. Blouse - White Sport or Oxford type blouse, long or short sleeve. Must be tucked in at all times.
4. K - 8th - Navy blue jumpers are acceptable uniform attire.
5. Pants - Navy blue uniform style pants (no knit pants). If pants have belt loops, black or brown belt must be worn.

B. Boys

1. Pants - Navy Blue Dickies brand may be worn.
2. Shorts - Mid thigh or walking shorts. Same style and color as long pants.
3. Shirts - White. Long or short sleeve knit polo or button down oxford. Must be tucked in at all times.

C. Socks - Solid navy blue or white. Ankle or knee length socks.

1. Stockings - Nude color stockings are acceptable in conjunction with regulation socks.
2. Leotards - Color of uniform shirt only.

D. Belts - Solid black or brown. No designs on belt.

1. Hip Packs - Acceptable on school outings only. Must be small.

**E. Shoes - Black, Brown or Blue loafer style. NO BOOTS! Saddle Oxford style are acceptable (lace up). Heels of shoes are to be no higher than three-fourths inch.
Tennis Shoes - Tennis shoes may not be worn as part of the uniform.**

F. Sweaters - Solid color red. V neck or button up cardigan.

G. Windbreakers/Jackets - Solid color same as sweaters. Snap or zipper front.

H. Blazer - May be worn in place of sweaters or Windbreakers. Solid color, red.

I. Winter Coats - Are not part of the uniform code. Style and color are at the discretion of the parent/guardian. MUST BE REMOVED DURING CLASS TIME!

J. Sweatshirts - Solid Red or Solid Navy Blue. Hooded or crew neck. NO WRITING!

K. Hairstyles - Natural styles. No display of heavy styling products such as colored sprays.

1. Hair should be kept clean, tidy and neat at all times.
2. Hair should not hang in such a way as to hide

the eyes.

3. Barrettes and hair ribbons should match uniforms.

Appearance and grooming should be neat and presentable at all times. The Principal reserves the right to determine what hairstyles, jewelry and makeup are acceptable.

CONSEQUENCES

The Uniform must be worn at all times with exceptions that are announced by memo to parents, by the Principal, i.e. Jean Day, Field Day etc.

Any student arriving at school out of uniform:

First Time Offenders: Will be issued a written warning to be signed by the parent/guardian and kept on file at the school. Parent/guardian will be called to either bring the uniform to school or pick up the student to change into the uniform and return to school.

Second Time Offenders: a repeated offender's parent/guardian will be called to pick up the student and the student will not be allowed to return to class until the proper uniform is attained.

Third Time Offenders: Three (3) days suspension.
Any class time missed due to improper dress code will be regarded as an unexcused absence.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLOTHING

Physical Education clothing **will be cleaned after each usage!**

Every student will participate in the Physical Education program with the exception of a child having a note signed by his/her parent stating why they can not participate. This will only be good for 2 days, then a doctor's note will be required for the remainder of the days that are needed, and the date the child can resume normal activities.

Shoes - Any color or style is acceptable. **NO HIGHTOPS!**
NO CLEATS!

CLOSING STATEMENT

The Dress Code of the Chitimacha Day School has been developed by the Chitimacha School Board in an effort to produce high self esteem.

This policy should be regarded by students as a second identity. The uniforms should be worn and treated with pride and dignity.

This Dress Code will enhance a teaching and learning climate which is essential for the physical, intellectual, emotional, moral, cultural and social development of the students.

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE SECTION**

This is the public release that will be sent to Chitimacha Tribe Newsletter
Names of News Media Outlets

and NONE
Major Employers Contemplating Layoffs

on Aug. 1996 . These groups must be advised of program availability, new programs, or changes in existing programs.

Chitimacha Tribe of LA today announced its policy for free and reduced price meals served under the Local School Food Authority National School Lunch and/or School breakfast Program(s). All schools and the central office have a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The following family size and annual income criteria will be used for determining eligibility:

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Family Size	Free Meals	Reduced Price Meals
1	\$10,062	\$14,319
2	13,468	19,166
3	16,874	24,013
4	20,280	28,860
5	23,686	33,707
6	27,092	38,554
7	30,498	43,401
8	33,904	48,248
For each additional family member add	*3,406	*4,847

Children from families whose income level is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Application forms are being sent to all homes, along with a letter to households. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households should fill out an application for each child and return it to the school. If a multi-child application is used, complete one per household. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility, and information may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials.

For the school officials to determine eligibility, households now receiving Food Stamps or aid to families with dependent children must provide their Food Stamp case number or AFDC number as well as the signature of an adult household member. All other households must provide the following information on the application: names of all household members; the social security number of either the parent/guardian who is the primary wage earner, or the adult household member who signs the application, or a statement that the household member does not possess one; the amount of income (before deductions for taxes, Social Security etc.) each household member receives, how often the person receives it, and where it is from, such as wages, retirement, or welfare; and the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct.

CHITIMACHA A.O.A. CALENDAR

DAILY MENU SCHEDULE

August 1996

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			August 1, 1996 Baked Chicken, Max & Cheese, Green Beans, Rolls, Banana Pudding	August 2, 1996 Hamburgers, Fries, Ice Cream
August 5, 1996 Smothered Potatoes, Pork Sausage, Corn, Rolls, Orange Surprise	August 6, 1996 Meat Loaf, White Beans & Rice, Green Salad, Cake	August 7, 1996 8 a.m. Breakfast Smothered Pork Chops, Rice & Gravy, Corn, Rolls, Peach Cobbler	August 8, 1996 Beef Stew, Rice, Sweet Peas, Salad, Cracker Pudding	August 9, 1996 Chicken Salad, Chips, Snack Cakes
BINGO	BINGO	BINGO		
August 12, 1996 Sausage, Red Beans & Rice, Green Salad, Jello Happy Birthday Russell Persilver	August 13, 1996 Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Potato Salad, Cup Cakes	August 14, 1996 8 a.m. Breakfast Baked Ham, Rice Dressing, Yams, Green Beans, Rolls	August 15, 1996 Smothered Steak, Rice, Cream Corn, Green Salad, Rolls	August 16, 1996 Potato Stew, Rice, Sausage, Rolls, Ice Cream
BINGO	BINGO	BINGO		
August 19, 1996 Roast Beef, Rice, Green Beans, Rolls, Cookies	August 20, 1996 Shake & Bake Pork Chops, Lima Beans, Rice, Pea Salad, Fresh Fruit Happy Birthday Ann Olds	August 21, 1996 8 a.m. Breakfast Birthday Party Pudding on Cake Meatballs w/Brown Gravy, Rice, Green Salad, Corn	August 22, 1996 Hamburger Patties, Parsley Potatoes, Green Salad, Cupcakes	August 23, 1996 Baked Chicken, Cream Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Pear
BINGO	BINGO	BINGO		
August 26, 1996 Red Beans & Rice, Sausage, Pear Salad, Roll, Ice Cream Happy Birthday Leroy Landry	August 27, 1996 White Beans,, Ground Meat w/Red Gravy, Rice Bread Pudding	August 28, 1996 8 a.m. Breakfast Pan Fried Pork Chops, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Roll Snack Cakes	August 29, 1996 Beef Stew, Rice, Sweet Peas, Rolls, Orange Surprise Happy Birthday Andy Vilcan	August 30, 1996 Ham Po-Boys, Chips, Cookies Happy Birthday Mary Bernard
BINGO	BINGO	BINGO		

Health Department News

By: Peggy Gaddy, RN
Health Director

Protect Your Children From Household Poisons

Home should be a haven from danger. But more young children are accidentally poisoned in private residences than anywhere else. What poisons children? The most common sources of poisonings at home are ordinary household articles, such as under-the-kitchen-sink cleaning supplies, on-the-dresser cosmetics and in-the-bathroom-cabinet personal care products.

Nothing Is Child-Proof

Poison experts confirm that nothing is ever completely child-proof, but two things help:

- ◆ Packaging: a rigid container with a tiny opening is difficult for a young child to open.
- ◆ Lack of accessibility: a container stored away behind safety locks is even more difficult for a young child to reach.

Leading a list of most dangerous products for children are iron tablets, pesticides, prescription medications, cleaning fluids and antifreeze. Less toxic, but also dangerous, are plants (such as philodendron), cough and cold medications, pain relievers, lamp oil, lighter fluid, furniture polish and products with alcohol.

Emergencies can be handled most efficiently when the caller has the telephone number of a poison control center in hand as well as the suspected poison container. Also, keep a supply of syrup of ipecac in a safe place to induce vomiting, but use only with the guidance of a poison expert.

Preventive Actions:

- ◆ Place child resistant caps on all medicines and vitamins, and put locks on cabinets.
- ◆ Rid your home of poisonous house plants.
- ◆ Label all containers and throw away out-of-date ones
- ◆ Finally, don't ever hesitate to call the hospital or poison control center if you suspect that a child has swallowed a toxic substance. Studies show that most at-home poisonings can be handled successfully over the telephone.

(Reprinted from Health Today, Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center)

Nutrition

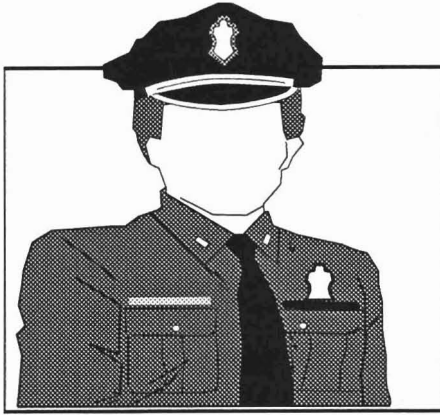
Pat Schumaker, RD, Nashville Area Office visited the AOA Program on July 9th. They played heart bingo and she talked to the cooks about food preparation and nutrition as it relates to diabetes and hypertension.

Pediculosis

This is to remind the parents that school will be starting soon and your children will be checked by the Health Dept. Staff for lice. Any child having lice will not be allowed to go to school until the problem is cleared up. Please check your child's head before school starts and if you suspect a problem, call the Health Dept. Signs & symptoms of head lice include itchy scalp and/or sores or scabs on the scalp. Shampoo for head lice is available at the Health Dept. free of charge.

Dr. Deshotel will be at the Health Department on August 15th about 9:00 a.m.

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To date, for the month of July, the department issued twelve traffic citations for violations ranging from driving without insurance, no driver's license, expired inspection sticker, seat belt violation, driving under suspension and switched license plate. Five arrests were logged on the following charges, driving under suspension, criminal mischief, disturbing the peace intoxicated, operating a vehicle with a switched plate and no insurance, and two counts of theft and probation violation for burglary on a warrant from Monroe County, Florida.

Please welcome to the department, Officer Edmond Picard and Dispatcher Donna Mullins. Officer Picard has over 15 years of law enforcement experience, having worked for

the Baldwin Police Department and the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office. Dispatcher Mullins has three years experience as a dispatcher and two years experience as a police officer, having worked for the Borger Police Department in Texas. Dispatcher Mullins will be filling in for Dispatcher Vilcan while she is on maternity leave. We are glad to have them as part of the Chitimacha Police Team.

We also welcome Officer "Iwan" to the department. Iwan is a police service dog that's trained in narcotic detection, attacking and tracking. Officer Clayton Arnold will be our K-9 officer and handler of Iwan. Officer Arnold and Iwan are already familiar with each other, as they worked as a team at the Jeanerette Police Department, before Officer Arnold came to work for us in August 1995.

Congratulations to Debbie and Robert Vilcan on the birth of their daughter, Katie Nicole. Katie arrived on Sunday, July 21, 1996, weighing in at 8 lbs. 4 ozs. and 21 ½ inches in length. Mom, Dad and baby are doing well.

Congratulations to Officer Tammy Clements and Dispatcher Cassandra Butaud,

who recently found out that they will be expecting some little bundles of joy at the beginning of 1997.

Congratulations to Reserve Officer, John Burgess, who traveled to Baton Rouge on July 10, 1996, and successfully completed his examination to receive his certification as a police officer through the State of Louisiana Peace Officer Standards and Training Council.

TRAINING

At the end of June, Officer Mike Pontiff attended a 4 day ATV Safety Institute Instructor Preparation Course in Salt Lake City, Utah. The ATV Safety Institute is a division of the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America, organized in 1983 to foster and promote the safe and responsible use of specialty vehicles, including all-terrain vehicles, in the United States of America. The founding members of the corporation are the U.S. distributors for Honda, Yamaha, Suzuki and Kawasaki ATVs. Officer Pontiff is now the only certified ATV Rider Course Instructor in the state of Louisiana and is presently getting together the necessary materials and locating a site to hold safety classes.

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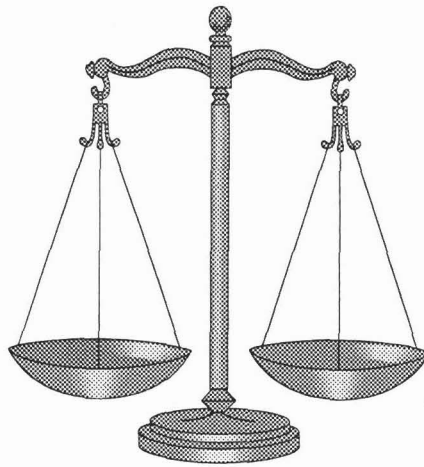
The program addressed the special considerations of police personnel responsible for conducting street level drug enforcement operations.

On July 30 and 31, Chief McCloskey attended a seminar on Planning Strategies for Implementation of Community Policing Consortium and the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee of the Western District of Louisiana. The two day seminar provided leaders in law enforcement an orientation to the value and role of strategic planning in the implementation of community policing, and offered a road map on how to develop and implement a strategic plan.

On July 26, Officers Steve Gentry, Tummy Clements, Edmond Picard and Ellen Hebert, attended a day long seminar in New Iberia, La. on Responding Effectively To Domestic Violence. The seminar was sponsored by the 16th Judicial District Attorney's Office.

Get Well Wishes!

Everyone at the police department will be keeping Chairman Ralph Darden in their thoughts and prayers while he's on medical leave. We all wish him well with his surgery and hospital stay and hope that he will have a speedy recovery.



TRIBAL COURT NEWS

**By: Holly A. Robicheaux,
Tribal Courts Director**

I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere apologies for the lack of "Tribal Court News" in the monthly Newsletter. We promise that every effort will be made to keep the Community advised of Court activity in the future.

The Tribal Court staff has been expanded to include the position of Deputy Clerk, for which Patricia Simoneaux was hired May 28, 1996. Additionally, Judge Edward dela Houssaye is now serving as Chief Appellate Judge and Judges LaBorde, Fleming, Bienvenu, Guidry and Edwards have been approved to serve as Associate Appellate Judges.

COURT STATISTICS:

There have been a total of 87 cases filed with the Tribal Court from January through June 30, 1996, which include:

- 36 - Civil (21 Garnishments, 8 Tort Actions & 7-Regular Civil)
- 02 - Criminal
- 05 - Domestic Relations

- 01 - Juvenile
- 43 - Traffic

As of June 30, 1996, there were 34 total cases pending:

- 20 - Civil (17-Tort Actions & 3-Regular Civil)
- 02 - Domestic Relations
- 03 - Juvenile
- 09 - Traffic.

Tribal Appellate Court:

- 3 - Civil Tort Actions

Mortgages and Liens:

- 89 Assignments
- 02 Mortgages
- 01 Correction

COURT SESSIONS:

Our monthly Tribal Court session was held on July 10, 1996, at which time 18 cases were scheduled to be heard; 1-DR (Petition For Guardianship); 2-Regular CV (Hearing on Civil Complaints); 10-TR (Hearings on Civil Traffic Infractions), and; 5-Civil Tort Actions (2 Preliminary Hearings, 1 Status Conference and 2 Show Cause Hearings).

Our next regularly scheduled Tribal Court Session is August 7, 1996, with open session beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The Tribal Appellate Court has oral arguments scheduled in two Civil Tort Appeals for Monday, August 5, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

As always, if you would like any further information regarding the Tribal Court, please feel free to contact the Court at 923-7806.

“OFFICIAL NOTICE”

The Chitimacha Tribal Council has proposed the revision of the Chitimacha Comprehensive Codes of Justice as follows;

Title III - Criminal Offenses
(Addition of Section 210-A - Registration of Sexual Offenders)

Pursuant to the “Procedural Guidelines for Implementation of Ordinances and Revisions”; adopted by the Tribal Council, the General Council will have the opportunity to:

Review these proposed revisions at the Multi-Purpose Building and/or Tribal Courts, during regular office hours beginning, **Friday, July 26, 1996 through Thursday, August 8, 1996**, and to;

Submit written comments, which must be received by **August 8, 1996**, to **“Tribal Ordinance Comments”, Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, P.O. Box 661, Charenton, Louisiana 70523.**

Duly Published By:

Holly A. Robicheaux,
Tribal Courts Director
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

By: **Diane M. Hearn**

Education Administrator

WELCOME, DR. BASS!!

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A **BIG** welcome goes out to the **new principal of our school and his wife, Pearly!** We are very happy you are here and hope that many wonderful things will take place in our school for the best education we can provide for our children! We are so happy to have you as a vital part of our educational community here at Chitimacha!

Summer brings many opportunities for fun, relaxation, and leisure time. Many of our students and parents took advantage of the opportunities offered at the school this summer. The Computer Lab was open three days a week from 3:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Mamie Soprano was the Computer Lab Monitor and Carla Newman was the substitute. **Thanks a bunch, Mamie and Carla!** And to **all who used the lab, a big thank-you**, as well, for taking the initiative and demonstrating the interest in "surfing the net" and learning through computer technology. Another **BIG thank you** to the **School Board and the Tribal Council for approving this summer enrichment program.** The Computer Lab will be open one night a week when school opens, so you may want to start or continue learning by "surfing the net". We are investigating the possibility of having a Computer Literacy class in the evening for the community

this fall. When plans are finalized, we will publicize it through bulletins around the community and in the Newsletter.

Another **BIG welcome** to the **Tribe's new Recreation Director, Billy St. Blanc and to our new Recreation Coordinator, Jeri St. Blanc.** Billy will be developing the Recreation Programs. Jeri will serve part of her work day teaching P. E. to our students, and the remainder of her day in fitness and wellness activities for the community. This is a wonderful use of the skills and talents of these two very dynamic people and quite an innovative plan to further meet the needs of the school and the community. **Recreation** is a vital aspect of the **Comprehensive School Health Program** that **Education, Health, and Social Services** have been working on, and so Billy and Jeri have begun to work with these other departments in planning the development and implementation of a **Comprehensive School Health Program for our students.**

Happy New School Year!!

The first day of school is on Monday, August 12, 1996 and there is early dismissal at 1:00 p.m. that day.

The bells will be ringing again soon for the beginning of the 1996-97 school year. With the new year comes other things new... staff changes, ongoing program improvement, some new rules and regulations, and so on. **Parents are encouraged** to contact the school and **become more involved.** We need parents on the **Education Planning Committee.** Additionally, when school starts, a list of areas of **parent involvement** that you can volunteer for will be sent to you. Please read through the list, and check off the areas you are interested in

volunteering. If you have any suggestions that are not on the list, please submit them in the area designated as "Other". Then send the list back to school. Remember, also, that there is a really nice **Parent Resource Center** at the school with brochures and videos on a whole variety of subjects of interest for you. You may want to take a few of the brochures home with you to read. They are very timely and helpful in dealing with concerns of parents and educators. Additionally, following this article is a copy of the adopted School Dress Code for 1996-97 school year.

Some education "buzzwords" you may hear often this year are **Parent Involvement, Student Training, and Staff Development.** They will take on more meaning as we start off the year immediately with **Karen DeClouet**, consultant from **Success in School**, providing **Staff Development, Parent Involvement, and Student Training** in the areas of **Learning HOW to Learn.** In conjunction with **Learning HOW to Learn**, a **customized student planner** has been designed for the **Chitimacha Tribal School** and each student will receive one. The student planner will serve to reinforce strategies and principles taught in **Learning HOW to Learn.** Ms. DeClouet, states that the program can be summarized into three basic objectives:

1. Students will develop organization skills that may be applied to home learning and test preparation activities.
2. Students will learn and apply

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principles that impact their retention of information and preparation for learning.

3. Students will learn and apply specific learning strategies based upon their individual learning style. Specifically, she goes on to say, students gain a working knowledge of:

- utilizing a planner for organization in learning
- test preparation strategies monthly calendars, weekly calendars, grade logs
- test-taking strategies
- learning styles
- note summarizing
- learning environments
- long and short term memory
- utilizing study card strategies to enhance learning
- scanning lessons prior to their introduction
- developing mnemonic strategies to increase retention of information

Staff Development in these areas is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 1996 from 1:30-3:30p.m. and Wednesday, August 7, 1996 from 9:-11:00 and throughout the **Student Training** times and through maintenance of the skills and concepts learned by the students and teachers.

Parent Involvement is scheduled for Thursday, August 15, 1996 at the school from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and through involvement with their children implementing at home throughout the **Student Training** times and through maintenance of the skills and concepts learned by the students and parents.

Student Training is scheduled for weekly one hour sessions for Grades 2,3,4, for Grades 5,6 and for Grades 7, 8. The lower grades will receive planners and their teachers will be trained with the rest of the teachers, and parents are welcome to receive training if their child is in the lower grades not listed above; however, Mrs. DeClouet believes that the children in Grades 2 up are ready and able to benefit most from the structure of the program. So the younger children will receive their planners to use, but not in the structured way that the older children will use them. As they grow into grades 2 up, they should be ready to use the planners more effectively and then will be trained to do so. **Student Training** is planned for each Friday starting August 16 through Friday, September 20 in Grades 2-8 and implementation is scheduled as ongoing and maintained.

And finally, an additional follow-up **Parent Involvement Meeting** is set tentatively for October, 1996, from 6:00-7:00p.m. at a date to be determined in 8/96.

G.E.D. classes are scheduled to start again on Monday, August 19, 1996. A total of twelve (12) of our G.E.D. students passed the G.E.D. test last year. What an overwhelming success, not only for the G.E.D. program, but also and most importantly, twelve adults proved to themselves and others that it is possible and they did it!! Take that first step and the next ones will fall into place. Talk to the graduates and find out how this step affected their lives. Ask about the program and how it works. Ardith Soprano, the Continuing Education Coordinator, has registration forms and can let you know more about the program. If you started last year and want to continue working toward your G.E.D. this year, please notify Ardith

at the Human Resources Building (tel. 923-7000). We are very happy that the teacher again this year will be Yvonne Cormier. **Classes will be held the same times and days as last year...Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Also, we have obtained a complete series of **Vocational Computer Software** that may be utilized in the **Media Center Computer lab** at the school. If you are interested in a **trade/vocation**, you may want to explore the information on these discs about a particular trade or even different trades, if you have not made up your mind which one you are interested in most. Remember, the Media Center Computer Lab is open one night a week after school starts. The Media Center is for the School and the Community's use. Please remember to enter through the door that accesses the Media Center in the front of the school.

And so, we start the new school year. Let us come together with **renewed spirit and dedication** to make this a year where much growth takes place; that is, **growth of the mind, heart, body, and spirit.** Let us all work together to make education happen in the most **positive** ways we can so that each of our lives is touched so that the **children care** and know **we care** about them and their education.

Thought for the day....
"Tell a child what to think, and you make him a slave to your knowledge. Teach him how to think, and you make all knowledge his slave."

Henry A. Tait, 1982

CHITIMACHA SCHOOL BOARD
DRESS CODE

All students attending Chitimacha Day School, with the exception of the Pre-School children, are obliged to wear the school uniform daily, beginning the first day and until the closing day of school. **IF YOUR CHILD IS OUT OF UNIFORM, THE PARENT- GUARDIAN WILL BE NOTIFIED BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**

BASIC INFORMATION

A. Girls

1. Skirt length - Navy Blue (solid color) same style a original skirt. Length is not to exceed 2" above the floor when kneeling.
White or black shorts may be worn under the skirt.
2. Shorts - Navy Blue. Walking shorts. Shorts should not be above mid-thigh. No short-shorts. Cuffs are optional.
3. Blouse - White Sport or Oxford type blouse, long or short sleeve. Must be tucked in at all times.
4. K - 8th - Navy blue jumpers are acceptable uniform attire.
5. Pants - Navy blue uniform style pants(no knit pants). If pants have belt loops, black or brown belt must be worn.

B. Boys

1. Pants - Navy Blue Dickies brand may be worn.
2. Shorts - Mid thigh or walking shorts. Same style and color as long pants.
3. Shirts - White. Long or short sleeve knit polo or button down oxford. Must be tucked in at all times.

C. Socks - Solid navy blue or white. Ankle or knee length socks.

1. Stockings - Nude color stockings are acceptable in conjunction with regulation socks.
2. Leotards - Color of uniform shirt only.

D. Belts - Solid black or brown. No designs on belt.

1. Hip Packs - Acceptable on school outings only. Must be small.

E. Shoes - Black, Brown or Blue loafer style. NO BOOTS! Saddle Oxford style are acceptable (lace up). Heels of shoes are to be no higher than three-fourths inch.

Tennis Shoes - Tennis shoes may not be worn as part of the uniform.

F. Sweaters - Solid color red. V neck or button up cardigan.

G. Windbreakers/Jackets - Solid color same as sweaters. Snap or zipper front.

H. Blazer - May be worn in place of sweaters or Windbreakers. Solid color, red.

I. Winter Coats - Are not part of the uniform code. Style and color are at the discretion of the parent/guardian. MUST BE REMOVED DURING CLASS TIME!

J. Sweatshirts - Solid Red or Solid Navy Blue. Hooded or crew neck. NO WRITING!

K. Hairstyles - Natural styles. No display of heavy styling products such as colored sprays.

1. Hair should be kept clean, tidy and neat at all times.
2. Hair should not hang in such a way as to hide the eyes.
3. Barrettes and hair ribbons should match uniforms.

Appearance and grooming should be neat and presentable at all times. The Principal reserves the right to determine what hairstyles, jewelry and makeup are acceptable.

CONSEQUENCES

The Uniform must be worn at all times with exceptions that are announced by memo to parents, by the Principal, i.e. Jean Day, Field Day etc.

Any student arriving at school out of uniform:

First Time Offenders: Will be issued a written warning to be signed by the parent/guardian and kept on file at the school. Parent/guardian will be called to either bring the uniform to school or pick up the student to change into the uniform and return to school.

Second Time Offenders: a repeated offender's parent/guardian will be called to pick up the student and the student will not be allowed to return to class until the proper uniform is attained.

Third Time Offenders: Three (3) days suspension.

Any class time missed due to improper dress code will be regarded as an unexcused absence.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLOTHING

Physical Education clothing **will be cleaned after each usage!**

Every student will participate in the Physical Education program with the exception to a child having a note signed by his/her parent stating why they can not participate. This will only be good for 2 days, then a doctor's note will be required for the remainder of the days that are needed, and the date the child can resume normal activities.

Shoes - Any color or style is acceptable. **NO HIGHTOPS!**

NO CLEATS!

CLOSING STATEMENT

The Dress Code of the Chitimacha Day School has been developed by the Chitimacha School Board in an effort to produce high self esteem.

This policy should be regarded by students as a second identity. The uniforms should be worn and treated with pride and dignity.

This Dress Code will enhance a teaching and learning climate which is essential for the physical, intellectual, emotional, moral, cultural and social development of the students.

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE SECTION**

This is the public release that will be sent to Chitimacha Tribe Newsletter
Names of News Media Outlets

and NONE
Major Employers Contemplating Layoffs

on Aug. 1996. These groups must be advised of program availability, new programs, or changes in existing programs.

Chitimacha Tribe of LA today announced its policy for free and reduced price meals served under the Local School Food Authority National School Lunch and/or School breakfast Program(s). All schools and the central office have a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

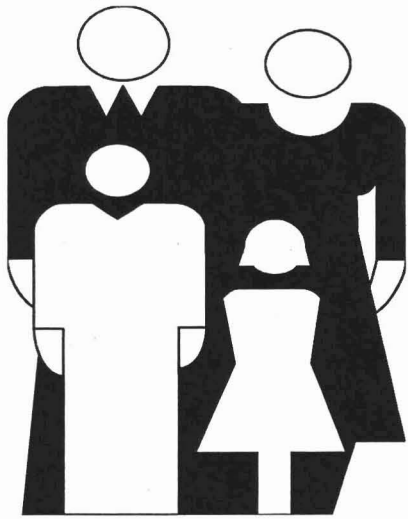
The following family size and annual income criteria will be used for determining eligibility:

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Family Size	Free Meals	Reduced Price Meals
1	\$10,062	\$14,319
2	13,468	19,166
3	16,874	24,013
4	20,280	28,860
5	23,686	33,707
6	27,092	38,554
7	30,498	43,401
8	33,904	48,248
For each additional family member add	*3,406	*4,847

Children from families whose income level is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Application forms are being sent to all homes, along with a letter to households. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households should fill out an application for each child and return it to the school. If a multi-child application is used, complete one per household. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility, and information may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials.

For the school officials to determine eligibility, households now receiving Food Stamps or aid to families with dependent children must provide their Food Stamp case number or AFDC number as well as the signature of an adult household member. All other households must provide the following information on the application: names of all household members; the social security number of either the parent/guardian who is the primary wage earner, or the adult household member who signs the application, or a statement that the household member does not possess one; the amount of income (before deductions for taxes, Social Security etc.) each household member receives, how often the person receives it, and where it is from, such as wages, retirement, or welfare; and the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct.



**Human Services Department
By: Lois Rider, Director**

The Human Services Department would like to apologize to the youth of the community for not having more activities this summer. With a new Recreation Director working for the Tribe now, hopefully we will be offering many activities for all ages in the near future. We are working with the Education, Recreation, and Health Departments to implement programs for every age group on the Reservation.

The pregnant or new mothers group is going well. If you or someone you know is expecting a baby or has a new baby, please let them know about our group. It meets every Thursday at 4:30 at the Health and Human Services building. The fathers are invited also. We are trying to give the mothers and fathers an idea of what they are

facing as new parents. It will also give the new parents someone they can call on to get support when they run into a problem with their new baby.

We are working with the Coushatta Tribe to get some activities planned that will allow our youth to interact with the youth from that Tribe. I understand they had a great time at Leadership Training and made new friends. We would like to see those friendships continue. We have our first joint gathering planned for October if all goes as planned. A note to the youth that went to Leadership Training, I should have the camp T-shirts in two weeks. If you will stop by the office, you can get you one. I would also like to let the youth that took the alcohol and drug survey know that I have your T-shirts at my office. If you took the survey and did not get a T-shirt, please stop by and get one. I really appreciate the ones who did the survey. We had the best turnout for it of any Tribe so far.

The next year looks like an exciting one for us and I am looking forward to it. Our new counselor, Tracy, is doing a great job. She will be working more hours after school starts and is willing to set her hours to accommodate your schedule. Do not hesitate to call and set up an appointment with her.

Again, I need families on the Reservation who are willing to be foster parents. We do not

have a need for any homes right now, but there is no way of predicting when we will need them. Remember, you do not have to do anything special to make your home accessible. Just be willing to attend training that will be done here and take care of children. We also need at least one home who is willing to take a child or children on an emergency basis for a few days until we can find long term placement for them. Contact me if you are willing to help us help our children.

ANNOUNCEMENT

If you have previously received the **CHITIMACHA NEWSLETTER**, are no longer receiving it and would again like a monthly copy, you may want to call the Tribal Office at (318) 923-4973 and give your current address so that we may send you a copy.

A **current address** is also very important in order to keep your file updated for a timely submittal of the **annual per capita payments**. The Phone number is the same for both.

THANK YOU!!!

ENROLLMENT OFFICE NOTICE

**BY: ARDITH SOPRANO,
ENROLLMENT OFFICER**

Dear Tribal Members:

The Enrollment Office is the Information Center of the Chitimacha Tribe. It is vital that our records be accurate and that they be updated whenever an address change, name change, a birth or death occurs. For this reason, I am requesting that you contact this office when you have a:

- 1). **BIRTH:** Please notify this office upon the birth of your child. An enrollment application packet will be issued to you. Once your child has been enrolled, necessary information will be forwarded to the appropriate Tribal departments.
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- 3). **MARRIAGE:** In order for this office to change your official Tribal records, you must supply a copy of your marriage license.
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With your cooperation, this office will be better able to maintain accurate and up-to-date Enrollment records. Also, the process of sharing information between the various departments will be less cumbersome.

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P.O. BOX 661
CHARENTON, LA 70523
PHONE: (318) 923-7000**

RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Chitimacha Recreation Department is off and running. The newly appointed Director, Bill St. Blanc, has already begun work and Coordinator, Jeri St. Blanc, will come on board in early August. The two will be overseeing all recreation and physical education activities from the youth to senior citizens.

Coach St. Blanc and Mrs. Jeri welcome all suggestions and ideas for the C.R. D. Feel free to contact them at anytime. Your input will help shape the direction of the department. Coach St. Blanc, presently located in the Multipurpose Building, will be moving into the Senior/Youth Center soon and Mrs. Jeri will be located at the school gymnasium.

In order to get to know the kids, Coach St. Blanc will open the gym from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until school starts.

Next month the Recreation Department staff will have more information on some of the new projects they have been working on including the exercise/weight room and swimming pool.

BOAT SAFETY

By: Lou Martin, Environmental Health Tech.

On weekends, I see a lot of boats in the bayou. Boating is a fun and healthy sport, but you must abide by the law when boating. Respect other people on the water. Wear a life jacket when skiing, hydrosiding, tubing and just pleasure riding. Be sure to have a person watching the skier when pulling them on skis.

Concerning the consumption of alcohol, the same laws apply to boaters as does drivers of an automobile. It is against the law to drive a boat when you are intoxicated!

When out in the sun, use a sunscreen to protect yourself against harmful ultraviolet rays. Also, drink plenty of fluids so as not to get dehydrated. Protect yourself against sunstroke.

Happy Safe Boating!!!

Health Department News

By: Peggy Gaddy, RN

Health Director

Protect Your Children From Household Poisons

Home should be a haven from danger. But more young children are accidentally poisoned in private residences than anywhere else. What poisons children? The most common sources of poisonings at home are ordinary household articles, such as under-the-kitchen-sink cleaning supplies, on-the-dresser cosmetics and in-the-bathroom-cabinet personal care products.

Nothing Is Child-Proof

Poison experts confirm that nothing is ever completely child-proof, but two things help:

- ◆ Packaging: a rigid container with a tiny opening is difficult for a young child to open.
- ◆ Lack of accessibility: a container stored away behind safety locks is even more difficult for a young child to reach.

Leading a list of most dangerous products for children are iron tablets, pesticides, prescription medications, cleaning fluids and antifreeze. Less toxic, but also dangerous, are plants (such as philodendron), cough and cold medications, pain relievers, lamp oil, lighter fluid, furniture polish and products with alcohol.

Emergencies can be handled most efficiently when the caller has the telephone number of a poison control center in hand as well as the suspected poison container. Also, keep a supply of syrup of ipecac in a safe place to induce vomiting, but use only with the guidance of a poison expert.

Preventive Actions:

- ◆ Place child resistant caps on all medicines and vitamins, and put locks on cabinets.
- ◆ Rid your home of poisonous house plants.
- ◆ Label all containers and throw away out-of-date ones
- ◆ Finally, don't ever hesitate to call the hospital or poison control center if you suspect that a child has swallowed a toxic substance. Studies show that most at-home poisonings can be handled successfully over the telephone.

(Reprinted from Health Today, Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center)

Nutrition

Pat Schumaker, RD, Nashville Area Office visited the AOA Program on July 9th. They played heart bingo and she talked to the cooks about food preparation and nutrition as it relates to diabetes and hypertension.

Pediculosis

This is to remind the parents that school will be starting soon and your children will be checked by the Health Dept. Staff for lice. Any child having lice will not be allowed to go to school until the problem is cleared up. Please check your child's head before school starts and if you suspect a problem, call the Health Dept. Signs & symptoms of head lice include itchy scalp and/or sores or scabs on the scalp. Shampoo for head lice is available at the Health Dept. free of charge.

Dr. Deshotel will be at the Health Department on August 15th about 9:00 a.m.

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Chitimacha Recreation Department is off and running. The newly appointed Director, Bill St. Blanc, has already begun work and Coordinator, Jeri St. Blanc, will come on board in early August. The two will be overseeing all recreation and physical education activities from the youth to senior citizens.

Coach St. Blanc and Mrs. Jeri welcome all suggestions and ideas for the C.R. D. Feel free to contact them at anytime. Your input will help shape the direction of the department. Coach St. Blanc, presently located in the Multipurpose Building, will be moving into the Senior/Youth Center soon and Mrs. Jeri will be located at the school gymnasium.

In order to get to know the kids, Coach St. Blanc will open the gym from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until school starts.

Next month the Recreation Department staff will have more information on some of the new projects they have been working on including the exercise/weight room and swimming pool.

BOAT SAFETY

By: Lou Martin, Environmental Health Tech.

On weekends, I see a lot of boats in the bayou. Boating is a fun and healthy sport, but you must abide by the law when boating. Respect other people on the water. Wear a life jacket when skiing, hydrosiding, tubing and just pleasure riding. Be sure to have a person watching the skier when pulling them on skis.

Concerning the consumption of alcohol, the same laws apply to boaters as does drivers of an automobile. It is against the law to drive a boat when you are intoxicated!

When out in the sun, use a sunscreen to protect yourself against harmful ultraviolet rays. Also, drink plenty of fluids so as not to get dehydrated. Protect yourself against sunstroke.

Happy Safe Boating!!!

CHITIMACHA A.O.A. CALENDAR

DAILY MENU SCHEDULE

August 1996

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			August 1, 1996 Baked Chicken, Max & Cheese, Green Beans, Rolls, Banana Pudding	August 2, 1996 Hamburgers, Fries, Ice Cream
August 5, 1996 Smothered Potatoes, Pork Sausage, Corn, Rolls, Orange Surprise	August 6, 1996 Meat Loaf, White Beans & Rice, Green Salad, Cake	August 7, 1996 8 a.m. Breakfast Smothered Pork Chops, Rice & Gravy, Corn, Rolls, Peach Cobbler	August 8, 1996 Beef Stew, Rice, Sweet Peas, Salad, Cracker Pudding	August 9, 1996 Chicken Salad, Chips, Snack Cakes
BINGO	BINGO	BINGO		
August 12, 1996 Sausage, Red Beans & Rice, Green Salad, Jello Happy Birthday Russell Persilver	August 13, 1996 Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Potato Salad, Cup Cakes	August 14, 1996 8 a.m. Breakfast Baked Ham, Rice Dressing, Yams, Green Beans, Rolls	August 15, 1996 Smothered Steak, Rice, Cream Corn, Green Salad, Rolls	August 16, 1996 Potato Stew, Rice, Sausage, Rolls, Ice Cream
BINGO	BINGO	BINGO		
August 19, 1996 Roast Beef, Rice, Green Beans, Rolls, Cookies	August 20, 1996 Shake & Bake Pork Chops, Lima Beans, Rice, Pea Salad, Fresh Fruit Happy Birthday Ann Olds	August 21, 1996 8 a.m. Breakfast Birthday Party Pudding on Cake Meatballs w/Brown Gravy, Rice, Green Salad, Corn	August 22, 1996 Hamburger Patties, Parsley Potatoes, Green Salad, Cupcakes	August 23, 1996 Baked Chicken, Cream Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Pear
BINGO	BINGO	BINGO		
August 26, 1996 Red Beans & Rice, Sausage, Pear Salad, Roll, Ice Cream Happy Birthday Leroy Landry	August 27, 1996 White Beans,, Ground Meat w/Rice Gravy, Rice Bread Pudding	August 28, 1996 8 a.m. Breakfast Pan Fried Pork Chops, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Roll Snack Cakes	August 29, 1996 Beef Stew, Rice, Sweet Peas, Rolls, Orange Surprise Happy Birthday Andy Vilcan	August 30, 1996 Ham Po-Boys, Chips, Cookies Happy Birthday Mary Bernard
BINGO	BINGO	BINGO		

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Dear Tribal Members,

I would like to thank the many people who supported me in the past two elections. Although I did not win the seat as Secretary-Treasurer, I feel as though I've become closer to the people of this community. I really enjoyed getting out and talking with everyone. My apologies to those of you that I did not get a chance to talk to. Thanks to everyone who came out and voted.

Congratulations to the winners Lonnie, John, and Peggy and also to the school board members. I know they will all work together for the benefit of this tribe.

A special thank-you to Julie Persilver for her help. To my wife Cindy, my family, and friends, not only for their help, but for their encouragement and support, I thank them.

Sincerely Yours,
Jimmie Rogers

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary
Vincent and Alice Darden

August 4, 1996

Congratulations on the birth of their new baby:

Born July 21, a girl 8 lbs. 4 oz.

to Robert and Debbie Vilcan

"Katie Nicole"

Best wishes and much happiness.

Love Maw-Maw Ann, Chief and Sincererae

Chitimacha Braves

Baldwin All-Stars

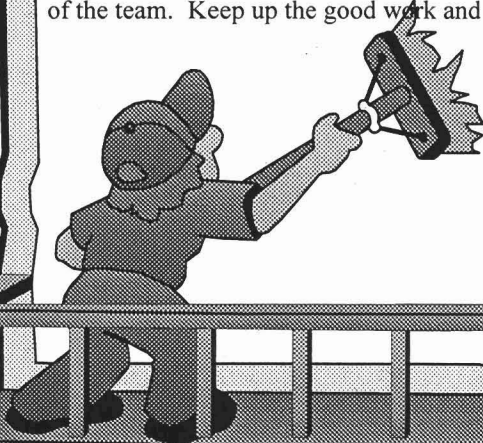
Last month in the newsletter we told everyone that the Chitimacha baseball team came out 5th place for the year. We also had three of our players chosen for All-Stars. The players were Jacob Darden, Byron Troups, and Garrett Graham. Unfortunately, Garrett has been out of town and was unable to compete for All-Stars, but Jacob and Byron made the team and traveled to Lake Charles.

The team traveled to Lake Charles on Friday, July 12, 1996 to play South Lake Charles, and sorry to say they lost 9 - 1. The team spent the night in Lake Charles. The Saturday they got to go to the university and practice at the batting range. The next game was a very good game, but we lost with a score of 7 - 6.

We are very proud of our All-Stars and would like to congratulate them for participating and being a part of the team. Keep up the good work and better luck next year.

I would like to thank all of you who supported me in this election and for the past elections. The large voter turnout shows that people are interested and care about what is happening within the Tribe.

Peggy Gaddy



CULTURAL DEPARTMENT MISS CHITIMACHA NATION 1996

The Chitimacha Tribe and the Cultural Department would like to extend it's warmest congratulations to our new Miss Chitimacha Nation, Nikina Vilcan. Nikina will be representing the Tribe for the next year in various functions in Indian Country and also locally as she serves as ambassador for the Chitimacha. Our sincerest congratulations Nikina. Our 1996 Miss Junior Chitimacha Nation is Nicole Clements. Nicole will assist in helping Nikina with some duties and we are very proud of you also. Nerrisa Miguez was the runner-up to Miss Junior Chitimacha Nation. Congratulations to all the girls, for you all did a beautiful job, worked very hard and in our hearts, all of you are winners.

A special thank you to the Pageant Committee who worked very hard to make sure that the pageant was a success. The committee was responsible for helping to develop and put into effect all the planning towards the success of the 1996 Pageant. Committee members deserve a very special thank you and acknowledgement for all the

dedication displayed. Kim Walden, Georgia Magee, Tara Ducote, Mary Ann Butaud and Tricia Mora-Lancon. We look forward to next years pageant and working with you once again.

Also, a thank you to our visiting judges, Laura Thompson (Alabama-Coushatta), Earl Barbry, Jr. (Tunica-Biloxi), and Cheryl Smith (Jena Band of Choctaw). The judges were presented with Chitimacha basket trays made by Melissa Darden. Thank you Melissa, for the judges were honored to receive the trays and left with a lasting memory of a part of Chitimacha culture that they will treasure for a lifetime.

Many others worked hard behind the scenes to make the pageant a success. Thank you to the Tribal Administration, Tribal Maintenance crew, School Maintenance crew, Casino decorators, JTPA workers, Tommy Vilcan, photographer, Jules Darden who escorted the girls in Full Regalia, the Chitimacha Police Department for videotaping the event, Lon Burgess who worked with the leather, Brenda Clements for helping

the girls with attachment of their beadwork, Dawn Schexnayder and Chantell Baker for fixing the girls hair the traditional Chitimacha way, Bruce Burgess for helping with beadwork, Jessica Deslatte, Tanya Darden and Ariel Darden with brochure handouts, Jesse Burgess who did the wonderful art work for the brochure. Thank you all for your dedication.

The girls worked very hard on preparation for the pageant. All their beadwork pieces were done by them, shawls were fringed, and their outfits made patterned after the traditional outfits from the 1860's. Many hours were spent in learning facts about their culture, as one of the requirements was to be able to answer questions put forth on historical aspects of how certain events throughout Chitimacha history has affected them as Chitimachas.

Our hearts were sad for the recent loss of Roslynn McCoy, but she would have been very proud of all the girls for the pride with which they displayed and the way that you represented your tribe at the pageant. So, congratulations girls. All of you are winners.

(The following topics are items discussed in the Tribal employees staff meeting held at the School Gym on Friday July 18, 1996)

STAFF MEETING INFORMATION

1. Status of funding -

- ▶ It appears that the BIA (TPA) Programs will be left with the 15.2% reduction incurred earlier in the year.
- ▶ The Bureau is funding indirect costs at only a portion of the approved rate.
- ▶ School funding - The school incurred funding cuts, but was assisted by the Tribal Council which enabled them to operate at an effective level.
- ▶ IHS allocated about the same amount of funding for '96 as in '95, (actually, it's a "reduction" because it does not allow for inflation or the increasing costs of health care).

2. Status of BIA and IHS -

The status of both of these agencies is confusing and precarious at best!

- ▶ **BIA** - We've been working on "Reorganizing" the Area Office and identifying "tribal shares". The tribal shares process would give the tribes the option of identifying monies and functions @ the Area Office that do not have to be conducted by a federal employee that could be handled in a more effective manner @ the local level and taking their tribal shares to do that.

In the mean time, Senator Gorton is proposing to Congress that tribes just pick up their money from the Treasury and essentially eliminate

the Bureau. The Bureau has incurred significant RIF's during the last year and only a very few of the truly knowledgeable and helpful staff still remains. Needless to say, the morale of the staff is at an all-time low!!!

- ▶ **IHS** - IHS is just beginning to experience what the Bureau has been going through for the last year. They will soon be conducting RIF's reorganizing and distributing tribal shares as well. This is a difficult time for the government employees and Tribes alike.

3. '97 Funding Projections -

It appears that the best case scenario for next year will be the same amounts as in '96. The UP side of this is that hopefully there won't be another decrease! There were rumors of additional cuts of up to 25% for BIA programs. I haven't seen evidence of that in the appropriations so far! But the down side is that programs may not have the C/O to "help" them in the upcoming year.

4. Grants - ON A MORE POSITIVE NOTE!!!...

We have applied for several grants during the last several months -

- ▶ Tribal Management Grant to evaluate alternative health care delivery methodologies.
- ▶ OPEL Grant - same as above
- ▶ CDBG - Fire Station expansion and three (3) new fire vehicles.
- ▶ Title IV - B - Social Services assistance.
- ▶ Self-Governance Planning Grant